

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-3 (canceled)

4. (currently amended) Gaming equipment for table games in which playing cards and gaming chips are used, in particular for the game of Black Jack, comprising:

a gaming table for placement of said gaming chips, as well as areas designated for placement of said playing cards face up;

a card shoe for storage and distribution of playing cards drawn from said card shoe face down, said card shoe equipped with an optical electronic detector of playing card movement and a playing card face down value imprint recognition and registration unit;

a monitoring system of the game ~~run in the form of an run,~~  
the monitoring system including:

at least two optical electronic ~~device~~ devices positioned over the gaming table for processing the images of objects on the gaming table, each optical electronic device including a playing card face up value imprint recognition and registration unit, and

a playing card face down and face up value imprint comparison unit;

the at least two optical electronic devices being spaced from each other over the gaming table with each at a different inclination angle to the horizontal surface of the gaming table relative to the other, and said optical electronic devices being connected with the computer through an additional synchronization unit;

a computer obtaining signals from the monitoring system; the monitoring system being configured to compare signals received from the playing card face up value imprint recognition and registration unit, and the playing card face down value imprint recognition and registration unit and if the same card value is recognised send a signal to this effect to the computer,

but if the same card values are not recognised to send a rules violation signal;

said computer being provided with an electronic data processing system programmed in accordance with the game rules; and

a visualization device of the data processed in the said computer, the said visualization device showing the game run, including any rules violation signals sent to the computer.

5. (previously presented) Gaming equipment according to claim 4 in which the playing card face down value imprint recognition and registration unit is an optical electronic device containing an image converter equipped with an object glass and digital signal processor and is configured to compare each part of the card passing thereby with a full image of the card, and if the same card value is recognised send a signal to this effect to the computer, but if the same card values are not recognised to send a rules violation signal.

6. (canceled)